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In consideration of SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 123, SENATE DRAFT 1/ SENATE RESOLUTION 94, SENATE DRAFT 1

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES-DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT, TO STRENGTHEN AND ENHANCE THE SCHOOL-TO-CAREER PIPELINE FOR POSITIONS IN PUBLIC SAFETY Senate Concurrent Resolution 123, Senate Draft 1/Senate Resolution 94, Senate Draft 1 proposes

to urge the University of Hawaii, in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety and Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement, to strengthen and enhance the school-to-career pipeline for positions in public safety. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports these measures.

The Department recognizes and acknowledges the many vacant positions throughout the State, notably those in public safety. Among many possible explanations for these vacancies, lack of public awareness is surely a contributing factor. These jobs offer respectable salaries and good benefits. The Department agrees that increasing exposure of these positions with college and high school students will increase both interest in, and awareness of, careers in public safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.

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